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THE LEGISLATURE.

This body has been in session nearly three weeks, and has done virtually nothing of a practical character. It is overwhelmingy Radical, and yet, on almost every question, thus far, it has manifested an unceasing spirit, with thoughts unperformed, are not so poor in spirit but that they move and despite him and his infamous pretensions. Conscious of his villainy, wearing it in his face, shamed all decent people, this is the veritable "carpet-bagger," who may stimulate him, and the distinction may sometimes, therefore, be too loosely drawn, but this is the genuine article.

Now we know many very worthy Northern men, who have enlisted in our side with better feelings and objects—men, too, who hold office, though, in all such cases, we think that modesty should have suggested a refusal to accept public station for some time to come, at least. Such men we are pleased to welcome in their private relations, and, though they may differ from us politically, to award them all credit that they may acquire. We do not call them "carpet-baggers," and when "Maj. Gen. Jones" accuses us of "stigmatizing" one of his bitter rivals, he is so "stigmatizing" as wildly as he did at Roanoke Island.

LET THE GALLED JADE WINCE.
"Bribery and corruption" have been justly regarded as "crimes of the darkest hue, deserving the condemnation and execration of every honest man and true patriot. Legislators should not only be free from these crimes, but should also be above suspicion. Every honest man will incur investigation with reference to his conduct, for being honest, he has nothing to fear from the most searching examination; and, what is more, every honest man will aid and encourage every effort that is made to purify and cleanse the fountain of law and order, and to keep it pure.

These have been a strong impression, amounting to conviction, on the minds of the community, that the acts of some members of the Legislature have been bought and sold. We have not a shadow of doubt about it. While we are not prepared to charge it, direct, we believe that "itching palms" have been shown. We believe that Northern adventurers and Southern cormorants have struck hands to enrich themselves at the expense of the State of North Carolina. We confidently believe that there is a "Ring" here, embracing foreigners and natives, whose only purpose is to get money in the pockets of its members,—the foreigner hoping to extort other crimes with the ill-gotten booty, and the native thinking, perhaps, that the State will repudiate the obligations thus fraudulently obtained, and thus serve to win the comfortable position that he has only, after all, cheated the Northern capitalists, &c.

Of what a mockery, and worse than a mockery, is this Radical legislature! It is the personification of stupidity and meanness! It is the embodiment of Fisons and Hales, thug upon thug, brutes and oppressed people, in the day of their calamity, by men of their own race and country, in the hour of victory and triumph. Shame upon them! History will record their shame in letters as lasting as time itself. Yes, and they will live yet to regret, eternally sorrow, such madness, and to witness the recoil of their own acts of fury and folly upon themselves and the country. They may injure, now, as, themselves, impoverished and oppressed, but the wave of calamity that they have so mercilessly rolled over us, will certainly return upon them by-and-by.

We have our eyes upon the Legislature. It does night and day, yet willfully, fully note, set, note to its credit, and be ready to recompete them, on all deeds of evil we intend to lay before the people, and to make up the record for the future, that time will not efface.

The handful of Conservative men in this body do very little. They are all gentlemen of excellent manners, and some of them men of talent and promise; but they can do nothing,—ignoring white men and negroes most of them, and if they turn to make a suggestion, the fact that they make it is sufficient to secure its rejection. This is a sad pity for the people that a spark of intelligence cannot be kindled in the bosom of many of those Radicals. If this could be done, they would be ready to act upon the suggestions of men of practical wisdom, who have the true interests of the people at heart.

WHO ARE CARPET-BAGGERS?
One of the Radical Major-Generals of Holden's Militia,—one, Mr. Willis D. Jones, of Forsyth,—affirmed, a day or two since, that the General had amalgamated every abolitionist, even in the States, as a carpet-bagger. We deny the allegation, but the General should see an opportunity of explaining precisely what class of men we embrace under the appellation. Let us cite some, as, for instance, by name, but still important, though, whom ever the cap fits, let him wear it.

The war breakers—those who find opportunity for a living in Massachusetts, Indiana, or Ohio, who fall into bad repair among the institutions, or escape of questionable practices, to avoid the consequences of either or both by entering the army. He has no idea of fighting, though great swelling words of death and fury are on his lips. The progress of the war finds him in unmitigated bomb-proof positions. It may be a—Quartermaster, or, more likely, a Butler, where, in the one case, he cheats the soldiers by swindling out of damaged goods at an enormous sum, or, in the other, improves fine horses, for "government use," and rides ready made for them, on personal account.

The surrenders puts a stop to his commercial gains—he is obliged to return home,—he has acquired a talent for swindling which makes other skills of adventure and operation. The story of the South presents himself to the most facile duper, and he accordingly rides the conducted freight, full of fictitious grandeur, for the "use" he helped to set him free." Into office and place, for which he is altogether unqualified, and what he comes in not have

obtained at home than he could have gotten into respectable society there. Once in place, he is actuated only by a twofold desire, viz.: To fill his own pockets, with a view to an ultimate change of base, and to wreak a man's and onward revenge upon an unwilling people, with thoughts unperformed, are not so poor in spirit but that they move and despite him and his infamous pretensions. Conscious of his villainy, wearing it in his face, shamed all decent people, this is the veritable "carpet-bagger," who may stimulate him, and the distinction may sometimes, therefore, be too loosely drawn, but this is the genuine article.

At the expiration of that time, the Journal was filed, amended, and approved. Mr. Sweet arose to a question of privilege. He noticed the following article had appeared in the Standard of this City, of Nov. 29, 1868:

PRACTICAL RECONSTRUCTION.—We are glad to observe that now the election is over there are signs of the coming affiliation of political opponents. As the evidence of this fact, we need only point to the extensive existing between Senator Robbins, of Rowan, and Senator Street, of Craven, both of whom aspire to be the representatives of their respective parties in the Senate. Senator Robbins claims to be a Democrat and Senator Street claims to be a Republican. They have brought moral, financial, and their separation now would be almost impossible, and the only existing doubt is which party can claim both of them.

He said that the charges made in this article were laid to him, and no man knew it better than the author of this article. He was a Republican and maintained the principles of that party as inherently right. Mark my words, Senator, this article will unlock the hidden mystery of this assault will be with the guilty persons who are opposed to the investigation of corruption which is placed in the hands of the Committee, who have the power under consideration; and every individual, who seeks to impair confidence in this investigation, in league with the fifth of this corruption, and his course will be so construed by the public as long and held up to the eyes and example of honest men, having side by side.

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Mr. Welch's motion to suspend was put and lost.

Mr. Po: A resolution in favor of E. G. Hill, late Sheriff of Johnston County. Referred.

Mr. Seymour would move that the Committee be instructed to report on these resolutions, to-morrow. Carried.

Mr. Parker's bill to modify the stay law. Referred.

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CALENDAR.

Mr. Seymour's bill, changing the name of the Pitt County Female Institute to Aurora Female College, passed the second reading.

The bill, instructing the Committee on Corporations to report a bill to provide for a registration of voters in cities and towns, and setting apart a day on which to hold municipal elections, was next taken up and its second reading.

By the same: H. Morris, of Wake, called from the Special Committee appointed to consider the same, reported back the bill extending the limits of the City of Raleigh, and amending the charter so as to extend the powers of the city to legislate and hold elections.

(This bill amending the Charter for the purpose of establishing a Criminal Court.)

From the same Committee: Mr. Gibson presented a minority report.

(This reporters forth that Article 4th, of the Constitution reads, "The General Assembly shall provide for the establishment of special Courts for the trial of misdemeanors in cities and towns, when the same may be necessary." The bill under consideration proposes to extend the Charter of the City of Raleigh, so as to embrace the County of Wake, for a special purpose; whereas the above section of the Constitution contemplates "town and towns" to all intents and purposes. The Constitution, in its spirit and letter, does not propose to incorporate counties in order to create the necessity of special Courts, but only to provide for such necessity, when it actually exists.) In other words, the necessity creates the power, and the power creates the necessity.)

Mr. H. Morris, of Wake, (colored), defended the majority report, and moved to sustain the original bill.

Mr. Malone opposed the motion; he wished time to consider.

The motion to suspend was put and lost.

The resolution introduced by Mr. Bates, raising a Joint Committee to investigate the affairs of the Bank of North Carolina, and the Bank of the State of North Carolina, came up.

Mr. Bates said the reason that led him to introduce the resolution was that he had been requested to do so by the Superintendent of Public Works. The State was largely increased, and charges had been made, in the past, that the affairs of those banks had been greatly mismanaged. It was the duty of his Assembly to be the people to have a thorough investigation of the matter. He moved an amendment to the original, so as to include the Cape Fear Bank.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

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